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Identical letters dated 19 April 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to point out the following.

The Syrian Arab Republic has been keen to express support for the six-point proposal regarding Syria of the United Nations Special Envoy, Mr. Kofi Annan. It has repeatedly made clear its readiness to cooperate with Mr. Annan in order to ensure the success of his mission and reach a Syrian-led political solution to the current crisis in the country. The Syrian Arab Republic has also called on all States connected with the armed opposition parties in Syria to stop funding and abetting the armed groups; to avoid any actions that could fan the flames of the crisis; and to pursue a political solution thereto with a view to ensuring the success of Mr. Annan's mission.

On 14 April 2012, the Security Council adopted resolution 2042 (2012), which noted the Syrian Government's commitment to implement the six-point proposal of the United Nations Special Envoy, Mr. Annan; called for the urgent, comprehensive and immediate implementation of all elements of the proposal; called upon all parties in Syria, including the opposition, immediately to cease all armed violence in all its forms; and expressed its intention to establish immediately, after consultations between the Secretary-General and the Syrian Government, a United Nations supervision mission in Syria to monitor a cessation of armed violence in all its forms by all parties.

Security Council resolution 2042 (2012) presupposes that all States will comply with its provisions. It is therefore surprising that only two days after the resolution was adopted, the Amir of Qatar, Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, made statements explicitly contradicting its spirit and letter. In so doing, he made it patently obvious that the State of Qatar plans to oppose any peaceful solution to the crisis in Syria. Speaking in Rome, the Amir of Qatar pre-judged the outcome of the supervision mission, the first group of whose members had arrived in Syria only one day earlier. He stated that Mr. Annan's proposal had no more than a 3 per cent chance of success, and that the Syrian people needed not peaceful support, but weapons. The adoption of resolution 2042 (2012) has not affected Qatari officials' persistence in making negative statements about Mr. Annan's proposal. They made such inflammatory and subversive declarations before the resolution's adoption in New York, most recently at the meeting held in Istanbul, and have continued to do so since. Indeed, it was Qatar, in cooperation with other Gulf States, that took the

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initiative to end the League of Arab States Observer Mission, after the latter did its duty by uncovering Qatar's policies; that country has continued to fund armed terrorist groups and support terrorism and the shedding of Syrian blood.

Those who predict the failure of Mr. Annan's mission know what they can do to make that pessimistic assessment come true: they can continue smuggling weapons to armed groups that spread death, destruction and corruption in Syria. Those parties incite the armed opposition to continue attacking peaceful civilians, law enforcement forces and Government and civilian facilities.

The Syrian Arab Republic strongly condemns those policies, which are not in keeping with the Security Council resolution or the Special Envoy's mission. It calls on the Security Council to fulfil its mandate by putting an end to the Qatari leaders' support for terrorism, which could undermine the Security Council resolution and Mr. Annan's mission.

I should be grateful if this letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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to the United Nations